

Appendix B

## **Notice of LCR MSCP EIS/EIR Preparation**

## Notice of Preparation

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(Agency)

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(Address)



**MWD**  
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA

**Subject: Revised Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**

### Lead Agency and Project Applicant:

Agency Name      The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Street Address      700 North Alameda Street

City/State/Zip      Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

Contact      Dr. Marty Meisler

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. This revised Notice of Preparation is supplemental to the original scoping conducted in June-July, 1999. Please reference SCH # 99061029 in your response.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials (Attachment No. 1). A copy of the Initial Study (☐ is ☒ is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State Law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Dr. Marty Meisler, Senior Environmental Specialist at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

**Project Title:** Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

**Project Location:** Lower Colorado River from below Glen Canyon Dam to the Southerly International Boundary with Mexico.      Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties

**Project Description:** The proposed project is the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) for the Lower Colorado Reiver Basin within the historic floodplain from below Glen Canyon Dam to the Southerly International Boundary with Mexico (Figure 1). Following preliminary review, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has determined that an Environmental Impact Report is required for this project, therefore, an initial study was not prepared (sections 15060 and 15063).

The LCR MSCP is being developed as a joint endeavor of state, federal, tribal and other public and private stakeholders with interest in managing the water and related resources of the Lower Colorado River basin. The participants have agreed to develop, implement, and fund an MSCP for the Lower Colorado River that will (1) conserve habitat and work toward the recovery of threatened and endangered species as well as reduce the likelihood of additional species listings under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), (2) accommodate current water diversions and power production and optimize opportunities for future water and power development, to the extent consistent with the law, and (3) serve as the basis for incidental take authorizations under the ESA and CESA. Preliminary LCR MSCP alternatives currently under consideration, and which will be the focus of the supplemental public scoping meetings, include: (1) no action; (2) large habitat core restoration areas with minimized management; (3) smaller core restoration areas with more active, long-term

management; (4) habitat preservation and enhancement; and (5) species coverage limited to federal threatened and endangered, and a number of sensitive, non-listed species.

Potential environmental effects to be evaluated in the EIR include, but are not limited to, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, floodplains and wetlands, water and hydroelectric power uses, municipal and industrial uses, recreation, and agricultural and other land uses. Written comments on the scoping issues described in this NOP that will be addressed in the EIR must be received no later than August 28, 2000. Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meetings to be held at the following locations:

July 31, 6:00p.m., Yuma Desalting Plant, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, AZ;  
August 1, 6:00p.m., California Department of Fish and Game, 14700 S. Broadway, Blythe, CA;  
August 2, 6:00p.m., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV;  
August 3, 6:00p.m., Henderson Convention Center, 200 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV.

A formal presentation of the LCR MSCP will be presented at 6:30 p.m., at each of the scheduled meetings. These scoping meetings are supplemental to the original scoping meetings held during June-July 1999.

Date 7/25/00

Signature Laura J. Simonek  
Title Principal Environmental Specialist  
Telephone 213-217-6242

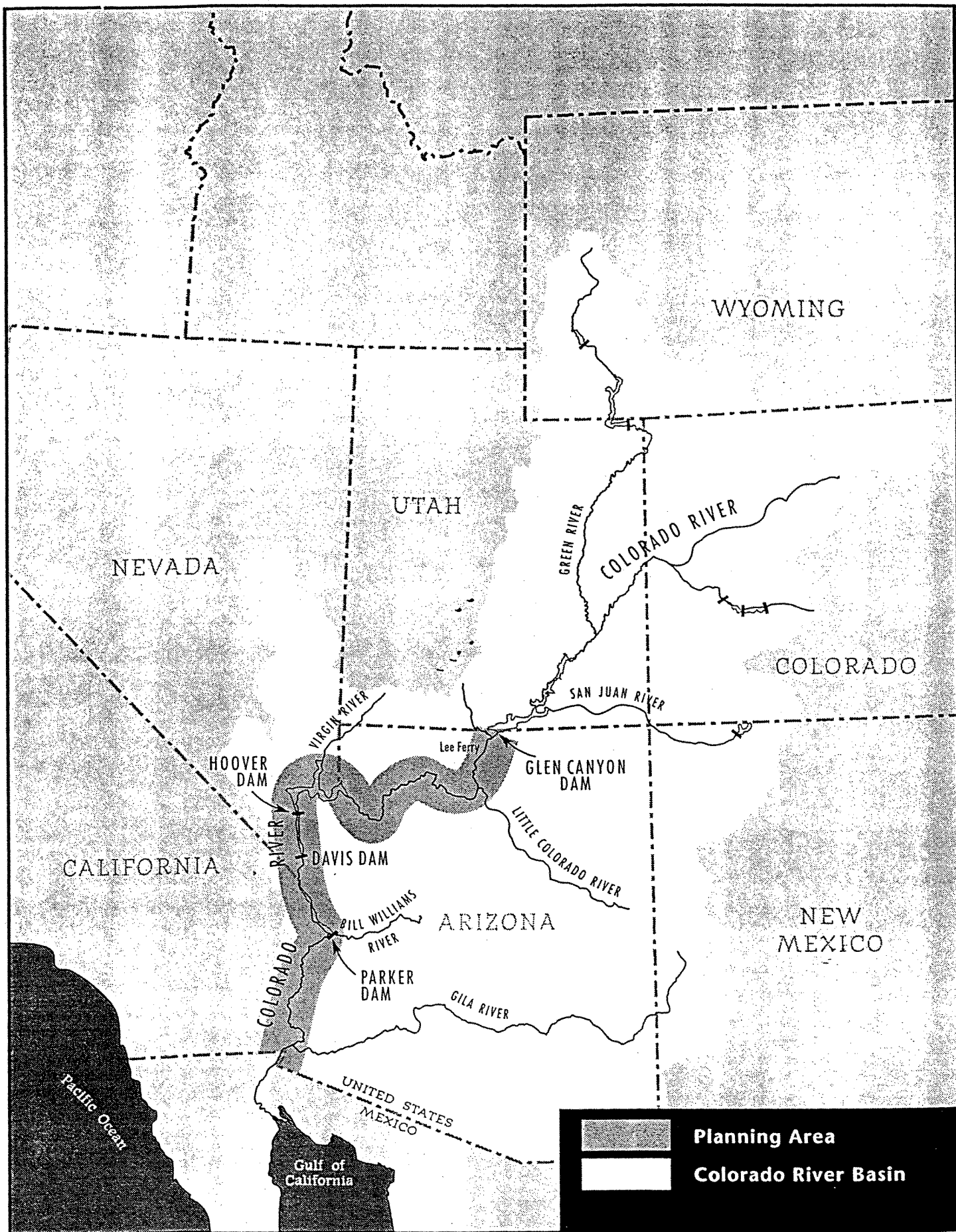


Figure 1 Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Planning Area



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse



Steve Nissen  
ACTING DIRECTOR

Notice of Preparation

July 28, 2000

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program  
SCH# 1999061029

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

**Dr. Marty Meisler**  
**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**  
**700 N. Alameda Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944**

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 1999061029  
**Project Title** Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program  
**Lead Agency** Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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**Type** NOP Notice of Preparation  
**Description** The proposed project is the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Program (LCR MSCP) for the Lower Colorado River basin within the 100-year floodplain from below Glen Canyon Dam to the Southerly International Boundary with Mexico.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

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**City** Los Angeles **State** CA **Zip** 90012-2944

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**Project Location**

**County** Riverside, San Bernardino, ...  
**City** Blythe, Needles  
**Region**

**Cross Streets**

**Parcel No.**

<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Base</b>
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**Proximity to:**

**Highways**  
**Airports**  
**Railways**  
**Waterways**  
**Schools**  
**Land Use**

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**Project Issues** Agricultural Land; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Recreation/Parks; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Headquarters; Department of Fish and Game, Region 6; California Energy Commission; Native American Heritage Commission; State Lands Commission; Colorado River Board; Caltrans, District 8; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7

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**Date Received** 06/07/1999 **Start of Review** 06/07/1999 **End of Review** 07/06/1999

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**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

SCH # 1999061029

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, PO Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 916/445-0613

**Project Title:** Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

Lead Agency: The Metropolitan Water District of S. Calif. Contact Person: Dr. Marty Meisler

Street Address: 700 N. Alameda Street

Phone: (213) 217-6364

City: Los Angeles, CA

Zip: 90012-2944

County: Los Angeles

**Project Location:** San Bernardino,

County: Imperial, Riverside

City/Nearest Community: Blythe, Needles

Cross Streets:

Zip Code:

Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.

Section:

Twp.

Range:

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #:

Waterways:

Airports:

Railways:

Schools:

**Document Type:****CEQA:**☒ NOP☐ Early Cons☐ Neg Dec☐ Draft EIR☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Other**NEPA:**☐ NOI☐ EA☐ Draft EIS☐ FONSI**Other:**☐ Joint Document☐ Final Document☐ Other**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ General Plan Amendment☐ General Plan Element☐ Community Plan☐ Specific Plan☐ Master Plan☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Site Plan☐ Rezone☐ Prezone☐ Use Permit☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☐ Annexation☐ Redevelopment☐ Coastal Permit☐ Other**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Educational☐ Recreational☐ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD☐ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_☐ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Watts☐ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Funding (approx.):**

Federal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☐ Aesthetic/Visual☒ Agricultural Land☐ Air Quality☐ Archeological/Historical☐ Coastal Zone☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Economic/Jobs☐ Fiscal☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Geologic/Seismic☐ Minerals☐ Noise☐ Population/Housing Balance☐ Public Services/Facilities☒ Recreation/Parks☐ Schools/Universities☐ Septic Systems☐ Sewer Capacity☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☐ Solid Waste☐ Toxic/Hazardous☐ Traffic/Circulation☒ Vegetation☒ Water Quality☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Wildlife☐ Growth Inducing☒ Landuse☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Other**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Project Description:** The proposed project is the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) for the Lower Colorado River Basin from below Glen Canyon Dam to the Southerly International Boundary with Mexico.

Revised 3-31-99



# Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

## KEY

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**X** = Document sent by SCH

✓ = Suggested distribution

### Resources Agency

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Coastal Commission

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Conservation

S Fish & Game

Forestry & Fire Protection

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Reclamation Board

S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission

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California Highway Patrol

CALTRANS District # \_\_\_\_\_

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Housing & Community Development

### Food & Agriculture

### Health & Welfare

Health Services \_\_\_\_\_

### State & Consumer Services

General Services

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### Environmental Protection Agency

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California Waste Management Board

SWRCB: Clean Water Grants

SWRCB: Delta Unit

SWRCB: Water Quality

S SWRCB: Water Rights

Regional WQCB # \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

### Youth & Adult Corrections

Corrections

### Independent Commissions & Offices

S Energy Commission

Native American Heritage Commission

Public Utilities Commission

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

State Lands Commission

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 27, 2000

Ending Date August 28, 2000

Signature Laura J. Simonek

Date July 27, 2000

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### For SCH Use Only:

Date Received at SCH \_\_\_\_\_

Date Review Starts \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Agencies \_\_\_\_\_

Date to SCH \_\_\_\_\_

Clearance Date \_\_\_\_\_

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